

the country and the steps being taken to produce them in India?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):** Presently, there are no known sources of potash which could be used for production of Potassium chloride. Ammonium sulphate is, however being produced by a number of units in the country.

**Production of Fertilizer going down**

4064 **SHRI N K P SALVE** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether the production of fertilizer in the country, particularly at the Nangal and Gorakhpur plants, has been steadily going down, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):** (a) and (b) No, Sir. The total production of fertilizer in the country has been steadily on the increase. The Nangal and Gorakhpur plants in particular did better in 1971-72, as compared to the performance in the previous year.

**Refrigerated wagons for Movement of Butter**

4065 **SHRI INDER J MALHOTRA** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to provide refrigerated wagons for movement of butter from producing Centres, which are only few in number and are located in milk surplus pockets to distant consuming Centres.

(b) whether Government have also received any representation for providing such facility and has also assessed requirement for movement of butter; and

(c) if so, what are the difficulties envisaged in providing the refrigerated transport for the purpose?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T A PAI):** (a) No

(b) No

(c) Does not arise

**"Own your own Wagons" Scheme for Industries**

4066 **SHRI M S SANJEEVI RAO** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) Whether Government have formulated an 'Own your own Wagon' scheme for industries, and

(b) if so the gist thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T A PAI):** (a) The scheme for private ownership of special type of tank wagons for transport of special products such as Liquid Ammonia is under consideration.

(b) The scheme envisages complete ownership by firms or parties of the wagons including the under-frame according to a design approved by the railways and granting of a suitable rebate in freight.

**Indo-Bangladesh talks on Railway Communications held in New Delhi**

4067 **SHRI M S SANJEEVI RAO:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Indo-Bangladesh talks were held in New Delhi to collaborate with each other on Railway communications,

(b) if so, what were the broad features of the talks, and

(c) the results thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI):** (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.